

number of missionaries in foreign fields. It is one thing to be a nominal Christian, quite another to be what Jesus would have us be. As to what the reward of such sophisticated Christians will be, judge ye. Since at home we have enjoyed communion services at Georgetown, a good meeting; commencement at Ashland and State Conference are pleasantly remembered occasions of the past. The school was a decided success during the year, but this is no more than we could expect under the care of such men as Miller, Garber and Witter. Let us rally around them, support them, encourage them, in short endow the college. I long to spend a few years there as soon as I can. The class address, "Education and the Higher Life," by W. D. Furry, was of a high grade. While it was a bundle of abstractions, too high for the common folks, it tells of the lofty plains of that in which the author's mind roams. We hope to hear of him amplifying the address and giving it to our people in a permanent form.

Evolution is growth, growth tells of life, true life is in God. W. A. WELTY.

Harrisonburg, Va.

We come again to you dear EVANGELIST, with a few items that may be of interest to some one.

BETHLEHEM

This congregation is moving along in an even way. The Sunday-school is doing well. In fact I feel much encouraged at the interest taken. The Young People's Society is full of life and very hopeful. The Young People's Meeting at conference was much appreciated.

ARKTON

This is a growing congregation; we hope and look for a bright future. We are now making the attempt to improve the song part of the preaching service. We are sure of success as the congregation has just ordered enough Crowning Day, No. 2, to supply the present demand.

The Sunday-school there is also doing well, but are not yet using Brethren literature; but we will quietly get the change as soon as possible. The should have been started with our own literature.

WEST VA. MISSIONS

We visited these missions in May, and found these faithful little bands hopeful and zealous in the Lord's work. We are always glad to meet with dear people. The more we learn of them the more we admire them. In consideration of these energetic, faithful people, and the Bethlehem congregation noted for her strict adherence to the doctrine of the Brethren, I feel in duty bound to take care of them.

CONFERENCE

The conference was largely attended. The Bethlehem congregation did all it could to entertain and make the visitors happy. Brethren Tombaugh, Lyon and Wisman did the preaching. We are pleased to know that it is said that the "Progressives" have able preachers. We would love to speak more in

regard to conference impressions but my sheet is full.

J. I. HALL.

Montour, Iowa

Wife and I, Brother Young and wife took a pleasant drive across the country to visit the Brooklyn Church. Everything was in its virgin beauty, and all nature seemed to be joyous. A trip of forty miles across the rolling prairie, tho somewhat tired we arrived at Brooklyn in safety. Glad to meet and be met by many friends and brethren of former days. Also met Brother Hannan and wife with whom I am favorably impressed.

Everyting was in preparation for their communion. This was held and every one seemed to enjoy themselves. There were about thirty at the tables; others that might have been there but for some cause were not.

We talked to the people next day at 11 o'clock, attended Sunday school at 3 o'clock, which was very good and well attended. The lesson was interesting and instructive. Children's day exercises at 7:30 P.M. The little tots did well and I believe they are rightly encouraged by our brethren, sisters and friends in Brooklyn. At 8:30 P.M. I again talked to the people.

We have reasons to believe the future prospect of the church at this place is improving and hope that they may again become strong as in former days. Taking everything into consideration we enjoyed ourselves at Brooklyn. For all these blessings and pleasures we thank the Lord.

I would like to ask the brethren of this district who may see this article, at what time do you think the district meeting ought to be held, before our annual conference or after? Answer through the EVANGELIST.

FETTER HALL.

Vinco, Pa.

Our work as pastor of the Vinco Church with its adjoining appointments began May 1st. We were given a very kind reception and made to feel at home from the beginning. Not only were members of the Brethren Church considerate of our happiness, but members of other churches as well as by those who do not belong to any church.

The field for active service is very large. With proper care and a united effort we are hopeful that it may be prepared to receive the seed which is the word of God.

Our preparatory services on Wednesday evening previous to our love feast. All things considered, our attendance was very fair. At one of these services we were made glad by the presence of Brother Alvin Byers of Rosedale. He preached a thoughtful and yet practical sermon on the subject "Ye are God's building." We were so that he could not remain with us for our Sabbath services.

Our love feast was held on the 10th of June. More than one hundred members surrounded the tables of the Lord. We were cheered by quite a number of our aged brethren

and sisters at the tables, as well as by those who in their youth have consecrated their service to God.

The kindness of the Conemaugh brethren in giving up their service and allowing their pastor to come here and officiate is appreciated. In the presentation of doctrinal subjects, Brother Koontz is clear and leaves no room for caviling. Yet so skillfully is it done that it cannot give offense. We were pleased to have him with us.

J. L. BOWMAN.

South Haven, Kau.

Dear readers of the EVANGELIST as there has been no report from our little band at this place for some time, I will endeavor to write. We held our communion services on Saturday evening, June 2nd. Had a splendid meeting. Brother and Sister Wimer of Billings, Oklahoma, and Elmer Salicker, son of the writer of Sheridan, Oklahoma were with us. Only a few spectators attended the meeting on account of the smallpox scare. One young man twenty years of age died with the dreaded disease the evening before the communion, and was buried after night. Like many others, he put off making his peace with God until he was assured he couldn't live and then repented. May it be a warning to those who are among the unsaved.

We have again secured the services of Brother S. G. Wood for another year. Brother and Sister Wood stand high in the estimation of the community here, and show by their actions that they are out and out for God and his cause. Pray for us that we may do a more efficient work for the Master in the future than we have in the past.

EMILY BLUE.

Crescent, Okla.

As there has not been any thing from Oklahoma for some time, I wish to say a few words. We are having no preaching among any of the brethren that I know of. We held a love feast Nov. 18, last, and arrangements were partly made to get an evangelist, and we stopped there and we are still stopped. What is the matter? Who is to blame? Are we too poor, or are we too far apart? Have we no zeal? Are we not in the faith? Is there nothing for us to do?

Brethren it does seem to me we ought to work; true we are scattered, but there are five brethren families I can reach in fifteen miles. We surely could get together twice a year as a church if we would try. It seems to me we ought to be represented at the district conference. Now I want to say a few words in regard to myself. The proverb is self preservation; is the first law of nature. If it is self justification it is the second. A year ago in May, I was ordained to the ministry and have never preached a sermon yet. Now who is to blame?

A. STEPHENS.